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Inventor	Arasmith
Application	10/650,118
Filing Date	August 26, 2003
Art Unit	3725
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Dear Madam or Sir:

On or about November 12, 2003, we filed a Petition to Make Special based upon the inventor's advanced age. A copy of the Petition is attached, along with a copy of the dated post card. PAIR shows the Petition was entered, but shows no further action.

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Scott Anderson

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**PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No. : 10/650,118

Confirmation No. \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant : Arasmith

Filed : August 26, 2003

Title : WOOD-REDUCING APPARATUS WITH  
CONTINUAL FEEDER ASSEMBLY

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Docket No. : 043505-262883

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November 12, 2003

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**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c)**

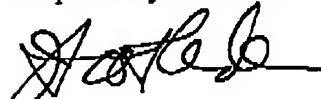
The Applicant hereby petitions the Office to make this application special pursuant to the Advancement of Examination procedures set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c) on the grounds that the applicant is over 65 years of age. In support of this Petition, an Affidavit signed by the applicant declaring his age is attached, along with a photocopy of his driver's license.

Having satisfied the requirements for the Advancement of Examination as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and MPEP 708.02, the Applicant hereby seeks accelerated examination of this patent application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fee for this petition, or credit any refund, to our Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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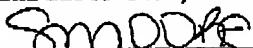
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Inventor(s): Arasmith; Title of Invention: WOOD-REDUCING APPARATUS  
WITH CONTINUAL FEEDER ASSEMBLY

Documents Enclosed: Petition to Make Special; Affidavit in Support of Petition  
to Make Special



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